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such instances and citations as at once attract attention and convey vivid impressions of the truth and utility of the rules and maxims laid down by the author. The Essay on Sacred Eloquence is the able and discriminating review of Hare's Sermons, which appeared in the Edinburgh Review, in 1840. Of Dr. Barrows's Introduction, we can only say that it is so just in thought, weighty in substance, and perspicuous and graceful in style, as to make us somewhat intolerant of its brevity.

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20.—*A Commonplace-Book: designed to assist Students, Professional Men, and General Readers in treasuring up Knowledge for Future Use.* Arranged by Rev. JAMES PORTER, D. D. With an Introduction, by Rev. WILLIAM RICE, A. M. New York: Carlton and Porter. 1861. pp. xxvi., 401.

ALL that we can say of this volume is that it is ample, elegant, of firm and white paper, well ruled, with a generous space for an alphabetical index. Of the advantages derived from a well-stocked and well-indexed commonplace book there can be no question; but we doubt whether these advantages are so generally sought by literary men in this "fast" age, as when books were fewer and time less fully occupied.

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21.—*The History of the Religious Movement of the Eighteenth Century, called Methodism, considered in its different Denominational Forms, and its Relations to British and American Protestantism.* By ABEL STEVENS, LL. D. Volume III. *From the Death of Wesley to the Centenary Jubilee of Methodism.* New York: Carlton and Porter. 1861. 8vo. pp. 524.

THE first two volumes of this great work were reviewed at length in our pages. The volume now before us pursues the narrative with unflagging interest. Though the Wesleys have passed off the stage, they are here succeeded by men in every way worthy of their leading, whose heroism and devotion constitute brilliant portions of the annals of the Church, and whose life-record is no less fraught with the elements of Christian greatness than that of their illustrious fore-runners. Methodism has in its parentage everything that can authenticate its Divine mission. Its system, indeed, may fail to satisfy the religious taste and wants of large portions of Christendom; but all denominations are greatly indebted to it for the fresh impulse that it gave, and still gives, to a living and working faith; while there are thousands upon thousands, in whom the religious life could be kindled

only by the intenseness of its zeal, and kept vigorous only by the stringent, yet beneficent and paternal, direction and restraint of its discipline. It has grown, because it had and still has a work to accomplish, which at the time of its origin no other church had begun to do, and which now no other body of Christian believers is accomplishing so ably and successfully.

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- 22.—1. *The Missionary in Many Lands. A Series of Interesting Sketches of Missionary Life.* By ERWIN HOUSE, A. M. With Illustrations. New York: Carlton and Porter. 1860. 16mo. pp. 393.
2. *Life among the Chinese: with Characteristic Sketches and Incidents of Missionary Operations and Prospects in China.* By Rev. R. S. MACLAY, M. A., Thirteen Years Missionary to China from the Methodist Episcopal Church. New York: Carlton and Porter. 1861. 16mo. pp. 400.

THE first of these volumes consists of a series of narratives selected from the most romantic and heroic portions of missionary history, designed and admirably adapted to create zeal in the cause, and to enlist Christian charity in the enterprise, of evangelization.

Mr. Maclay's work consists in part of a carefully written, though rapid, sketch of China, past and present, and in part of the history of the mission to which the author was attached. Though less elaborate than some of the publications referred to in an earlier part of this number, it is still a worthy instance of the contributions of the missionary enterprise to the advancement and diffusion of knowledge; while it bears emphatic testimony to the adaptation of Methodism to aggression upon Pagan territory, no less than upon unbelief and irreligion in Christian lands.

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- 23.—*Tracts for Priests and People.* By Various Writers. Boston: Walker, Wise, & Co. 1862. 12mo. pp. 372.

THIS book is designed to represent the Broad-Church view of the ground covered by the "Essays and Reviews," which have constituted so strongly marked an epoch in the history of the Church and of opinions. These Tracts have the salient excellences and faults of the school to which they owe their origin. They are broad and generous in their expressions of sympathy, tolerant of dissent, comprehensive in fellowship, liberal in their tone of thought, reverent without cant, bold, but